This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended). A secure architecture for preventing copying of digital content by way of a computing platform, the secure architecture comprising:

a secure computing platform for receiving and storing encrypted ~~or encoded~~ digital content from the Internet and from a remote source of digital content as well as storing local encrypted ~~or encoded~~ data , and processing said encrypted ~~or encoded~~ digital data, said computing platform including a host processor and a peripheral bus, said computing platform configured to maintain said digital content in encrypted form so as to eliminate unauthorized distribution and run audio or video playback application software for passing said encrypted ~~or encoded~~ digital data to said peripheral bus, ;

a playback device configured to be connected to said computing platform for receiving encrypted ~~or encoded~~ digital content from said computing platform by way of said peripheral bus , said playback device including a separate processor, a peripheral bus interface for receiving said encrypted ~~or encoded~~ digital content from said peripheral bus in said computing platform and decrypting ~~or decoding~~ said encrypted ~~or encoded~~ digital content, said playback device also including a memory device for storing ~~decoding or~~ decryption software, said peripheral interface coupled to said peripheral bus for receiving said encrypted ~~and encoded~~ digital signals from said peripheral bus, said playback device configured to decrypt ~~or decode~~ said encrypted ~~or encoded~~ digital data and generate a ~~decoded or~~ decrypted output signal for ,said playback device configured so that computing platform can not access said decrypted ~~or decoded~~ digital content from said playback device when said playback device is connected to said computing platform, wherein said computing platform and said playback device are configured to download encrypted digital content from said computing platform to said playback device whenever said playback device issues a download command to said computing platform. .

2. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said computing platform includes a network interface for receiving digital data from an external network.

3. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said peripheral bus is a USB bus.

4. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said peripheral bus is a PCI bus.

5. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said peripheral bus is a Fire Wire bus.

6. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, further including one or more user input devices.

7. (Previously Presented). The secure architecture as recited in claim 1, wherein said computing architecture includes one or more local persistent storage devices.

8. (Currently Amended) A secure hardware architecture for preventing copying of digital content by way of a computing platform, the secure architecture comprising:

a computing platform for receiving and storing encrypted or encoded digital content from the Internet as well as storing local encrypted or encoded data, and processing said encrypted or encoded digital data, said computing platform including a host processor and a peripheral bus, said computing platform configured to run audio or video playback application software for passing said encrypted or encoded digital data to said peripheral bus, said computing platform configured so that said peripheral bus is not accessible by said audio or video playback software running on said computing platform;

a playback device configured to be connected to said computing platform for receiving encrypted or encoded digital content from said computing platform, said playback device including a separate processor, a peripheral bus interface for receiving said encrypted or encoded digital signals from said peripheral bus and decrypting or decoding said encrypted or encoded data signals, said playback device also including a memory device for storing decoding or

decryption software, said peripheral interface coupled to said peripheral bus for receiving said encrypted and encoded digital signals from said peripheral bus, said playback device configured to decrypt or decode said encrypted or encoded digital data and generate a decoded or decrypted analog output signal for playback, wherein said playback device is configured to create a list of decrypted or decoded digital content stored on said playback device, wherein said computing platform and said playback device are configured to download encrypted digital content from said computing platform to said playback device whenever said playback device issues a download command to said computing platform. .

9. (Previously Presented) The secure architecture as recited in claim 8, wherein said playback device is further configured to enable editing of said ~~play~~ list.